

Ephesians i., 2. Christ is looked at as having lain in death, but now raised ; and we are raised up together, and made to sit together in heavenly places in Him. There we are ; and such is our position as connected with the " God of our Lord Jesus Christ " (Chap. i., 17, etc.) But in chapter iii., 14, it is " The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Again in chapter i. it is written, " That we should be to the praise of His glory ;" whereas in chapter iii. the prayer is founded on " the riches of His glory." (V. 16.) In the first chapter God is called " the Father of glory." Here the standing is taken as a settled thing ; but we have something further. " That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." We do not ask God to raise us up ; that is an accomplished fact, and is my standing. But here the Apostle prays that something may be accomplished ; that, " According to the riches of His glory," we may be " strengthened with might by His Spirit." *The condition of soul* must answer to the place into which it has been brought. " That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith ; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all Saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height ; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowl-